

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following claims for the same-numbered claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for interpreting codified provisions, said method comprising the steps of:

conducting a search of documents pertaining to customized user-related interests in a computerized database;

storing codified provisions ~~concerning events of a document~~ as ~~rules~~ computer programming language declarative statements that use logical expressions to represent a logical structure of the said codified provisions;

storing evaluation functions ~~as logical conditions relating to the stored rules~~ comprising computerized logic code representing said customized user-related interests in said document and related to said computer programming language declarative statements; and

evaluating ~~the rules~~ said computer programming language declarative statements using at least one of the stored evaluation functions for an event concerning the said codified provisions[.]; and

presenting the evaluated computer programming language declarative statements to a user as a search result.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of mapping the said codified provisions to rules computer programming language declarative

statements.

3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~ restricting the rules computer programming language declarative statements that are evaluated using the said stored evaluation functions.
4. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising: ~~the steps of~~ extracting rules system parameters from text of the said codified provisions; and populating rules system templates using the extracted rules system parameters.
5. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rules computer programming language declarative statements are expressed in a scripting rules system.
6. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rules computer programming language declarative statements are expressed in ~~the~~ an if-then-else rules system.
7. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the said codified provisions relate to a legal code.
8. (Currently Amended) A computer system for interpreting codified provisions comprising:
~~computer software code means for storing codified provisions concerning events as rules that use logical expressions to represent a logical structure of the codified provisions;~~

~~computer software code means for storing evaluation functions as logical conditions relating to the stored rules; and~~

~~computer software code means for evaluating the rules using at least one of the stored evaluation functions for an event concerning the codified provisions:~~

~~means for conducting a search of documents pertaining to customized user-related interests in a computerized database;~~

~~means for storing codified provisions of a document as computer programming language declarative statements that use logical expressions to represent a logical structure of said codified provisions;~~

~~means for storing evaluation functions comprising computerized logic code representing said customized user-related interests in said document and related to said computer programming language declarative statements;~~

~~means for evaluating said computer programming language declarative statements using at least one of the stored evaluation functions for an event concerning said codified provisions;~~
~~and~~

~~means for presenting the evaluated computer programming language declarative statements to a user as a search result.~~

9. (Currently Amended) A computer program product ~~for interpreting codified provisions~~ comprising computer software recorded on a computerized medium for performing the steps of a method for interpreting codified provisions, said method comprising:

~~storing codified provisions concerning events as rules that use logical expressions to~~

represent a logical structure of the codified provisions;

storing evaluation functions as logical conditions relating to the stored rules; and

evaluating the rules using at least one of the stored evaluation functions for an event concerning the codified provisions;

conducting a search of documents pertaining to customized user-related interests in a computerized database;

storing codified provisions of a document as computer programming language declarative statements that use logical expressions to represent a logical structure of said codified provisions;

storing evaluation functions comprising computerized logic code representing said customized user-related interests in said document and related to said computer programming language declarative statements;

evaluating said computer programming language declarative statements using at least one of the stored evaluation functions for an event concerning said codified provisions; and

presenting the evaluated computer programming language declarative statements to a user as a search result.

10. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] computer program product as claimed in claim 9, further comprising the step of mapping the said codified provisions to rules computer programming language declarative statements.

11. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] computer program product as claimed in claim 9, further comprising the step of restricting the rules computer programming language declarative

statements that are evaluated using ~~the~~ said stored evaluation functions.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as claimed in claim 9, further comprising: ~~the steps of~~

extracting rules system parameters from text of ~~the~~ said codified provisions; and
populating rules system templates using the extracted rules system parameters.

13. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as claimed in claim 9, wherein the ~~rules~~ computer programming language declarative statements are expressed in a scripting rules system.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as claimed in claim 9, wherein the ~~rules~~ computer programming language declarative statements are expressed in ~~the~~ an if-then-else rules system.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as claimed in claim 9, wherein ~~the~~ said codified provisions relate to a legal code.